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Justice Advocate AmeriCorps Member Positions



Background: Iowa Legal Aid seeks applicants to fill AmeriCorps member positions for its regional offices in Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Iowa City, Mason City, Ottumwa, Sioux City and Waterloo, subject to funding availability. Iowa Legal Aid provides free, high quality legal education, advice and representation to low-income and elderly Iowans with civil legal problems that most dramatically affect poor and vulnerable Iowans.

Responsibilities: Individual AmeriCorps members will participate in various tasks that can include: helping seniors, veterans, immigrants, people with disabilities and other low-income Iowans get free legal help; enhancing the unified client intake system; increasing outreach to underserved Iowans; advancing self-help legal education; recruiting and managing volunteers; improving volunteer management practices; connecting low-income and elderly Iowans to financial/social supports; enhancing Iowa Legal Aid's website; performing marketing and public relations activities.

Qualifications: We seek applicants who communicate well with individuals and groups, both verbally and in writing, and are committed to helping make equal access to justice a reality for all Iowans. Applicants should also have some or all of the following:

1. Background working with people who are low-income, elderly, victims of domestic/sexual abuse, from other cultural and/or ethnic backgrounds, and/or have disabilities;
2. Bi-lingual verbal and written communication skills, in one of the languages most used by low-income Iowans, including Spanish, Bosnian, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and/or ASL;
3. Ability to use computers to organize information, update website, and/or perform research;
4. College or community college;
5. Background in journalism, marketing, teaching, and/or volunteer recruitment/management.

Opening/Closing Date: When filled, with members starting between September 1 - November 30, 2016.

Salary/Benefits: Members receive a modest living stipend (\$12,530 for 11 months), student loan forbearance, child care benefit, individual health insurance, and can get an education award of \$5,775.

Applications: Submit letter of application, including geographic preference, resume, and contact information for at least three professional references to:

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